

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1805 – SB 2474

March 28, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Exempts low-income persons, military families, and applicants who are between 18 and 25 years of age from initial licensure fees imposed by the health related boards (HRB) and other various professional regulatory boards (PRB).

CORRECTED FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease State Revenue – Exceeds \$1,480,600/FY18-19
Exceeds \$2,961,100/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years

Increase State Expenditures - \$285,700/FY18-19
\$502,700/FY19-20 and Subsequent Years

Other Fiscal Impact - The Health Related Boards had an annual surplus of \$4,526,956 in FY15-16, an annual surplus of \$3,551,254 in FY16-17, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$32,645,083 on June 30, 2017.

The Regulatory Boards had an annual surplus of \$5,725 in FY15-16, an annual surplus of \$2,735,422 in FY16-17, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$26,350,035 on June 30, 2017.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (015080, 015996): Amendment 015080 deletes all language after the enacting clause. Defines “low-income persons” as persons who are enrolled in a state or federal public assistance program, including, but not limited to, temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), Medicaid, or supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP). Requires any licensing authority that requires a license for person to practice in a profession to waive all initial licensure fees for low-income persons.

Amendment 015996 removes the requirement in the bill as amended by 015080 for the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI) to process the application for the waiver within 30 days and the requirement for the Board to promulgate rules to effectuate the purpose of this section.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The number of individuals who receive TANF, Medicaid, and/or SNAP benefits who would apply for a waiver is estimated to be not significant; therefore, any fiscal impact to the DOH's Division of Health Related Boards or the DCI Division of Regulatory Boards is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related and regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period.
- The Health Related Boards had an annual surplus of \$4,526,956 in FY15-16, an annual surplus of \$3,551,254 in FY16-17, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$32,645,083 on June 30, 2017.
- The Regulatory Boards had an annual surplus of \$5,725 in FY15-16, an annual surplus of \$2,735,422 in FY16-17, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$26,350,035 on June 30, 2017.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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